

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification, on page 9, in the paragraph starting at line 15, please amend the paragraph as follows:

Figure 5 is a dataflow diagram 500 of the MIB IP Routes retrieval process 502 within the initialization process 302. The process 502 begins in step 504, where MIB specific information is accessed from the router retrieval parameters 208 in the enhanced “A” records 202 stored in the “A” record database 308. In step 506, a Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) session is established with and routing tables are downloaded from the routers 108, 112. The process 502 uses network management protocols to retrieve IP routes from a router’s management information base. The IP route database 314 is updated, in step 508. In step 510, the process 502 waits for the IP route database timeout to zero or a termination signal. If, in step 512, the termination signal is not received, the process 502 returns to step 506, else the process 502 ends.